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DEVELOPMENT OF VRINDAVAN
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether, the Government is aware that the ecology and environment of Vrindavan City is in a bad condition and domestic and international tourists and pilgrims visiting Vrindavan have to face the problems of filth, bad roads, congestion and open parking;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE(SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI)

(a) to(c) Archaeological Survey of India is responsible for the conservation and maintenance of monuments/sites that are declared as of national importance under the provisions of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958.The matter concerning ecology and environment of any City including problems relating to filth, bad roads, congestion and open parking falls under the purview of the respective State Government/ Local body.

Promotion of tourism and development and maintenance of tourist places all over the country is the responsibility of the State Governments. The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India extends Central Financial Assistance under the Product/Infrastructure Development of Destination and Circuits scheme, to project proposals received from the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations which are complete in all respects as per the scheme guidelines.However,while sanctioning the central financial assistance for the tourism projects to the State Governments, the State Governments are required to undertake the responsibility for maintenance and management of facilities for which funds are released.

During the 10th Plan period, Central Financial Assistance was provided by the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India for the following projects in and around Vrindavan:

(Rupees in lakhs)

Name of Project	Amount
Renovation & beautification of Kusum Sarovar at Goverdhan(2004-05)	100.77
Development of Rural Tourism at Village Mukhrai, Mathura(2005-06)	45.89
Renovation and beautification of Chhatries of Govardhan at District Mathura (2005-06)	58.60
Preparation of site survey plan of Parikarma Path for Govardhan and Vrindavan Research Institute at Vrindavan.(2005-06)	0.79

Development of Brij Chaurasi Kos Parikarma Tourism Circuit (2006-07) 441.53